



WEEKLY UPDATE
March 21, 2022

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

World Water Day
March 22nd

On March 22, 1993, the United Nations recognized the first World Water Day. This day is to bring assistance to those who need water or access to clean water across the world. Every person requires water to live and to help their communities, and it is all of our responsibility to help protect this resource. Approximately 2.2 billion people currently live without access to safe water.

When we hear about communities needing water, we think it is across the world and does not affect us. But there are areas here in the United States that also do not have clean water. On this day, we also want to help bring awareness about protecting our groundwater from pollution

Ways to Observe

- Help clean up your local water source
- Fundraise for well building groups across the world
- Practice responsible water usage during the day
- Learn about clean water and sanitation

<https://nationaltoday.com/world-water-day/>

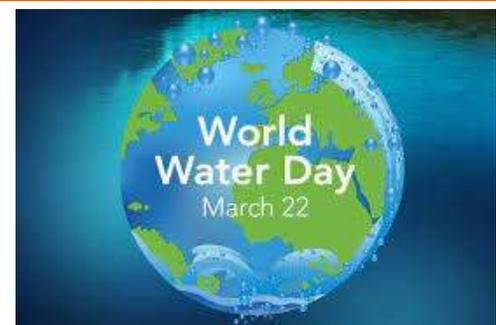


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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Join Our Team

Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

Who we are

- Child Protective Investigations
- Child Protective Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Child Care Investigators
- Human Service Technicians
- Administrative Assistants

What we do

- Protect children
- Protect adults who are elderly or have disabilities
- Manage community-based programs that prevent homelessness, abuse, neglect, and the exploitation of children and youth

WHAT WE OFFER

- 100% employee paid tuition
- Health and wellness programs
- Retirement planning
- Tuition reimbursement
- Professional opportunities
- Holiday / annual / sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

Be Essential. Make a Difference.

TEXAS Department of Family and Protective Services

We can change everything together.



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 2022

- **March 14- 20th** – Spring Break
- **March 21st** – First day of 2nd-8 week session
- **April 1st** – Last day to drop from regular session by 4PM
- **April 4th** – Registration Begins for Summer and Fall
- **April 9th** – The Big Event
- **April 26th** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **May 3rd** – Last day of classes
- **May 12 – 14th** – Commencement Ceremonies

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Volunteers Needed

Email lindsay.garrett@gladney.org for more info

Dates: July 31st- August 5th, 2022

Location: Camp El Tesoro Granbury, Texas

Volunteer Positions:

- **Cabin Counselor:** Stay in a cabin with a group of children for the week
- **Support Buddy:** Be a one on one buddy for a child that needs extra support at camp
- **Camp Nurse:** Certified medical professional to assist with medication and first aid

"It was so amazing to have the privilege to share what my adoptee status means to me, and listen and learn from all of the other adoptees there. While all of our stories are different, camp provided a needed outlet to let each of our experiences shine!"

-Elena, Gladney Adoptee and Camp Volunteer

Complete your application [HERE!](#)




Grad Finale-Save the Date!

Order/purchase regalia and Jostens Representatives will be taking orders for Invitations, Announcements, & Rings!

A one stop shopping opportunity!

Early Bird pricing for regalia (caps and gowns begin)

Tues, March 22nd- Thurs, March 24th

UTA Bookstore
400 Spaniolto Drive

Announcements, Invitations, & rings can be ordered online at www.jostens.com




The Big Event is UTA's biggest day of community service! On April 9th, 2022, The Big Event is hosting forty community service projects across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Service projects will run from 9am - 1pm.

Afterwards, all volunteers are welcome to attend the Thank You Celebration in the West Mall from 1pm-3pm where there will be complimentary lunch, entertainment, and activities!

Volunteer registration can be found here: <https://signup.com/go/gVJRAXt>.

If you need any accommodations in order to participate in The Big Event, please contact us at thebigevent@uta.edu or at 817-272-2963.

CEU OPPORTUNITIES

Free CEU's from Valdosta State University

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you want to learn more about dementia, caregiving, and cultural considerations while working with diverse communities? [Click](#) for more information.



ADVISING

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

Feeling a bit lost?
Start with
your
Graduate Student
Leader!

Don't know who that is?

Email [Stacie Hill](#) to get
connected!

LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, [click here](#) to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found [on the ASWB site](#) and our [SSW licensure page](#).
- **There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!**
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this [Licensure](#) webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.



FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

- **InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL.** <https://inplace.uta.edu/>
- The InPlace fee is \$67 per year or \$130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

Spring & Summer 2022

- The Summer Field Application is OPEN until 4/23. If you plan to start Field in Summer, you MUST apply before 4/23.
- See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- Foundation MSW
 - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
 - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- CAP & Children & Families
 - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Mental Health
 - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Aging & Health
 - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
 - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)



GET INVOLVED

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule		
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Parenting During a Pandemic 6pm – 7pm	COVID and Caregiver 6pm – 7pm	First Generation and International Students' Success 9:00am – 10:00am
Promoting Healthy Habits 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Accommodating for Success 10:15am – 11:15am
TBD		Building Better Interpersonal Relationships 11:30am – 12:30pm
Military Women Empowerment Group		
Men's Virtual Room of Recovery		
Active Duty, Deployed Guard and Reserve Group		

At this time, the Virtual Support Groups are not available for MSW students, but we do ask for support and to please refer anyone that could use these services. Email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for information.

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE (SGC)

Interested in making an impact regarding social injustices? Advocate for social issues? Join Students for Global Change (SGC) to start making an impact!

MEETS EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | 5-6 PM | TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETINGS EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!

To participate, please register: <https://forms.gle/BnHefg753iB1EXqa9>

Follow us @SGCUTA- Students for Global Change
Email us at sgc.uta@gmail.com

[Click Here for more info](#)

Make it happen!

Be a part of our special team of Compass Hospice Volunteers. We care for our patients in the place they call home – a private residence, skilled nursing facility, or assisted living facility. Just a few hours a week can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Volunteer Opportunity:
Direct Patient Care – Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tv/movies and sharing life stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Respite where you will sit with the patient while the caregiver runs errands, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments.

REQUIREMENTS:
Reliable Transportation
Must be at least 17 years old
Orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per week
Covid Vaccine
Background Check, Drug Test, TB Skin Test (All provided at no charge to you)

If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email Susan Tomlin at susan.tomlin@compasshospice.com

MAVERICK PANTRY

Please help stock up the new Maverick Pantry! Donating any of the items below would be greatly appreciated.

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice
- Beans
- Instant oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Dried fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Canned proteins
- Shelf stable milk
- Feminine / period products
- Toiletries

Drop off donations to the Dean of Students Office, Lower Level of the UC, B150.

To schedule donation drop off by vehicle, email EAF@uta.edu. We will gladly meet you in front of the UC to receive donations from your car.

#CommunityThatCares

INTERESTED IN MACRO SOCIAL WORK?

STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR MACRO SOCIAL WORK

JOIN SANSW FOR OUR PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!
[CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.](#)

FEBRUARY 7 | MARCH 7 | APRIL 4
5:30 - 6:30 PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS

get your team INVOLVED

WE HAVE A **PLAN** FOR YOUR CALENDAR

BRING A GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Carnival: October 30, 2021
- Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway: November 20, 2021
- Christmas Giveaway: December 18, 2021
- Spring Carnival: March 12, 2022
- Easter Basket Giveaway: April 16, 2022

Which event can you see yourself at?

HOST A DRIVE WE HAVE A NEED FOR:

- Candy
- Groceries
- Coats
- Christmas Toys
- Small Toys and Trinkets
- Easter Eggs and Candy
- Easter Baskets

This covers all the materials needed for the rest of our events! Which need can you fill?

JOIN A CAMP SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK:

- Spring Break Camp: March 13 to March 16, 2022
- Summer Camp: June and July of 2022

Join camp for a day or a week, which works best for you? Either way, book your dates today, they fill up quick!

Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu

LEARN A NEW ADVOCACY SKILL WITH SPEAK & SKILLSHARE!

IT'S FREE!

RSUASIVE WRITING | TIME MANAGEMENT | ARTIVISM | ADVOCACY

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

[Click Here for more info](#)



EVENTS

Save the Date! SOCIAL WORK TAKEOVER

@UNIVERSITYCENTER

Addiction & Recovery Workforce Symposium

March 29, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | E.H. Hereford University Center

Job & Field Agency Fair

Student Research Poster Contest

Afternoon Breakout Sessions - Earn CEUs
(HRSA addiction and recovery topics)

This is an in-person event.
For 100% Online Students - Job & Field Agency Fair and
select breakout sessions will be livestreamed



School of Social Work

For special accommodations, contact Coral Simpkins-Mims at SSWSpecialEvents@uta.edu

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

**SOCIAL WORK
BLOCK PARTY**

SSW COURTYARD

MARCH 24
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**BBQ
GAMES
MUSIC
NETWORKING**

UTA
School of Social Work

FIND YOUR PATH

MSW

Specialty Info Session



Online via teams!
Scan the QR code
or click here to join!



March 21, 2022
6:00 - 7:30 PM CST

Pursuing your MSW?
Not sure which specialty is
the best fit for you?

Join us to have a
chance to win Amazon
Gift Cards!

Hear from faculty and
students about the
benefits of selecting each
specialty:

- Aging
- Children & Families
- CAP (Community and Administrative Practice)
- Health
- Mental Health & Substance Misuse



Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Damon Tweedy, M.D.

Author of New York Times Best Seller: *Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor's Reflections on Race and Medicine*

Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Duke University School of Medicine
Durham Veteran Affairs Health Care System Staff Psychiatrist

Damon Tweedy, MD completed both medical school and his specialty training at Duke. He divides his time between clinical and administrative duties within VA system and medical student teaching and mentorship at Duke. Dr. Tweedy has written extensively about the intersection of race and medicine, both in academic journals, such as the *New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* and popular print publications, including the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

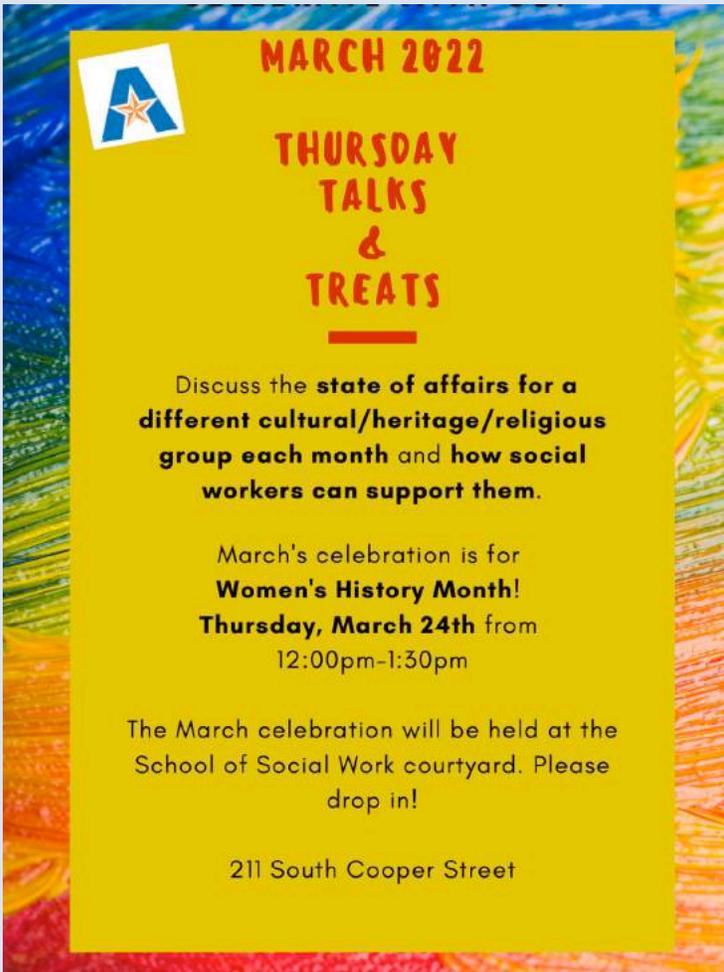
Monday, March 21st, 2022

@12-1pm On Teams



Scan to Join

EVENTS CONT.



MARCH 2022

THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS

Discuss the **state of affairs for a different cultural/heritage/religious group each month** and how **social workers can support them.**

March's celebration is for **Women's History Month!**
Thursday, March 24th from 12:00pm-1:30pm

The March celebration will be held at the School of Social Work courtyard. Please drop in!

211 South Cooper Street



UTA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Community of Caring

Join us in a brave space for the UTA SSW community (students, staff, faculty) to support one another as we face local and global injustices, including Texas governor's directive on gender affirming care.

OPEN TO ALL IN THE SSW!

MARCH 25, 2022
10:00-11:30AM

RSVP HERE BY 3/23 (REQUIRED)
<https://bit.ly/3i2kzdd>



Meet the Faces of HealthCare Social Workers



Join the Health with Hearts Student organization as we hear from two recent UTA MSW graduates now working in Healthcare.

Laurel Ball at Lifeline Health

Vidhya Krishnan at Dell Children's Hospital

When: Thursday, March 31 @ 7pm

Where: TEAMS meeting link on Health with Hearts Team channel

Contact: Diana.DiCesare@mavs.uta.edu

Topics Covered: Getting licensed, types of health SW jobs, how to get a great job, what do health SW do in different areas of healthcare, advice from recent grads, what surprises can you anticipate, and self-care in the real world

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

https://teams.microsoft.com/j/1/meetup-join/19%3ameeting-NTM4MDgyMTktY2FhNi00MDZhLTkyODktZmUzM2JjYjNlY2M0%40thread_v2/07context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225cdc5b43-d7be-4caa-8173-729e3b0a62d9%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d633e156-63ed-4ca2-8e81-d48afa65e64c%22%7d



Let's Get Digital!

capitalizing on digital resources to meet your power of 3 campaign goals

VOTING by **SPEAK**

SPEAK Invites YOU to Join **Voting is Social Work's Power of 3 Campaign!**

First of the Power of 3 Campaign Webinars:

Let's Get Digital

Wednesday, March 30

10AM PT / 12PM CT / 1PM ET

REGISTER NOW!

Social workers have a long history of social and political action – including voter registration! With Democracy on the brink, the stakes are higher than ever.



RESEARCH

[Social Work
Course Guides](#)

[Student Research
Opportunity
Center](#)



Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. [Click Here](#)

Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
- Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
- Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a confidential research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during COVID-19.

If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.

https://uhsocialwork.org.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_NhpCSovhSYTKm



If you are eligible you will be contacted within 48 hours by a member of the study team about scheduling an interview that will be conducted by Zoom. Your total time of participation will be about 90 minutes and you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card for your time. Please feel free to share this link with friends/colleagues who may be interested in participating. Funding for this study was provided by the University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Faculty Fellowship Program.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the PI of our research team, Dr. Micki Washburn at Micki.Washburn@uta.edu or at 832-498-14015. This project has been approved by the UTA Internal Review Board (IRB). For questions about your rights or to report a complaint, contact the UTA Research Office at 817-272-3723 or regulator@services@uta.edu



STAY SAFE

COVID-19 Testing



REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Regardless of vaccination status, all students and employees coming to campus in any capacity for the spring 2022 semester must provide proof of a [viral COVID-19 test](#) by Feb. 4, 2022. Tests taken before Jan. 3, 2022 will not be accepted. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University with no further action required on your part. **UTA's COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test, not only when you are completing a UTA testing requirement.**

Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in [MyMav](#). If you have trouble finding or using the portal, contact the [OIT Help Desk](#). Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC's [isolation protocols](#) and submit the [Personal Diagnosis Form](#).

UTA's COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don't work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the [CDC's COVID-19 vaccine finder](#).

[Click Here for more information.](#)

[Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 \(English and Español\) \(uta.edu\)](#)

Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus



Connections Tutoring Lab
UTA School of Social Work

NOW OPEN

Schedule a 30 minute session with a writing tutor!



Book your session [HERE!](#)

<https://outlook.office365.com/calendar/?i=7A52WConnectionsLab@msu.uta.edu#bookings>

Need help with an assignment, writing, or study tips? Book your FREE session at the Connections Tutoring Lab!

KNOW YOUR STATUS

No cost & confidential HIV testing.

CALL OR TEXT TO SETUP AN APPOINTMENT!

PHONE: 832-476-8005
EMAIL: 714@redmnhrc.org

Dean Ryan's [Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities](#)



[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Emily Clark](mailto:Emily.Clark@uta.edu)

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19 UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit TAOconnect.org



THRIVE APP



Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817)272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

UTA is a COMMUNITY THAT CARES



Texas Health and Human Services
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, **help is available.**

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at **833-986-1919**.

TEXAS Health and Human Services

DREAMERS WELCOME

In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

Our Services

- Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL)**
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)**
- Tutoring**
- Academic Coaching**

Information for Students

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

MAVS talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)
WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
303 RANSOM HALL

[UTA Library Accessibility](#)

[On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes](#)



Rental Assistance Program

The [Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program](#) assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call [817-850-7940](tel:817-850-7940).

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidpreventionlifeline.org

Learn the Warning Signs.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help](#).

[Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!](#)

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: [Advising & Student Success Canvas](#)

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions
Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu

